

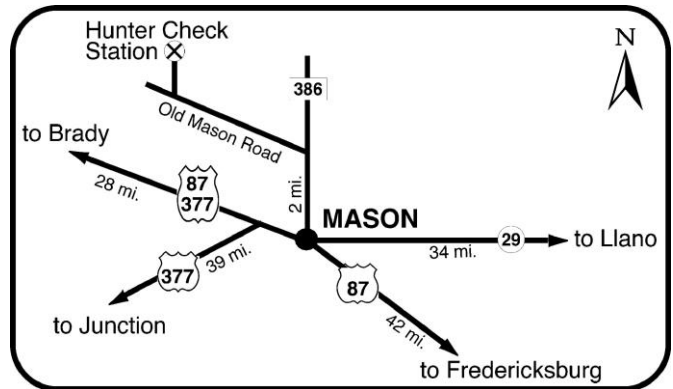


# MASON MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

## BACKGROUND

Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area is located in Mason County, approximately four miles north of Mason, Texas. It is unique among Texas' Wildlife Management Areas in that it is the only one located in the Central Mineral Ecoregion. It contains approximately 5,301 acres, representing a variety of different habitats. A blackjack oak and post oak community found on granite soils or deep sands dominates most of the Area. The northern one-third of the Area is limestone hills, supporting a community of live oak and Texas oak. An eight-foot fence to facilitate scientific investigations surrounds the entire Area.

The goals of Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area include research of native and exotic wildlife species, habitats and ecosystems occurring in the Central Mineral Ecoregion, demonstration of various management practices to land management professionals, and the management of the Area to promote a healthy and functioning ecosystem. Hunting is one of a variety of tools used by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to achieve these goals. In order to properly manage the habitat, deer populations are maintained at approximately 1 deer per 12-15 acres, substantially lower than much of the Hill Country.



## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR GUIDED HUNTS

- Hunters should report to the check station at 1:00 P.M. on the first day of the hunt.
- This is a Guided Hunt. Food, lodging and on-site transportation will be provided during the hunt.
- Hunters must contact the area (325/347-5037) as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.
- Non-permitted visitors or family members will not be allowed to accompany the permitted hunter to the hunting compartment; except for a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted disabled person.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License. Hunter safety education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. Cold storage facilities are available on the WMA.
- Hunters are reminded to bring all items necessary with them. Concessions are NOT available at the Area.
- Disturbance or removal of animals, plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.
- It is an offense for a person to be under the influence of alcohol or consume an alcoholic beverage while engaged in hunting activities, or to publicly consume or display an alcoholic beverage while on the WMA.
- Disabled persons requiring special hunting accommodation should contact the Area in advance at (325) 347-5037.